

Klan on Rack As Governors End Sessions

Allen Declares Organization
Is Doomed and Urges
Publicity as the Best
Means in Fighting It
Executives Join Debate

Some Leave White Sulphur
Springs to Discuss Dry
Laws With the President

WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS, W. Va., Dec. 16.—The fourteenth annual conference of governors ended to-day with a spirited discussion of the Ku-Klux Klan. Many of the executives then prepared to depart for Washington to accept President Harding's invitation to discuss prohibition enforcement with him at luncheon, Monday.

An executive committee consisting of Governors Cox of Massachusetts, Harlan of Florida and McCray of Indiana, was elected. Former Governor Townsend of Delaware was re-elected treasurer, and Miles C. Riley, of Madison, Wis., secretary. Governor McCray invited the governors to meet next year in Indiana, suggesting French Lick Springs. Selection of the next meeting place was left to the executive committee.

The Ku-Klux Klan discussion developed after an address in which Governor Allen of Kansas declared the organization was doomed to die, and expressed hope that efforts of the Attorney General of Kansas to oust the Klan from that state on the ground that it was operating without a charter would be successful.

Declares Klan 'Flouts Law'

In response to a description by Governor Allen of incidents which he argued supported his contention that the Klan was flouting the law, Governor Morrison of North Carolina said that, although the organization aroused religious feeling, he did not believe it was responsible for violence in his state. He asked Governor Allen whether the Klan ever had indulged in manifestations of lawlessness or had done anything to stop them.

Governor Allen replied that every member of the organization believed he was doing a noble work. When lawlessness developed, he said, the Klan would disavow it and then give \$50 to a "loose-mouthed preacher, who would thank God for the Klan." He said he was ashamed that the Boy Scouts in St. Louis had not rejected a gift of \$25,000 from the Klan so that "they could claim 100 per cent Americanism."

Governor Olcott of Oregon asked if Kansas had sent troops to suppress the Klan during the railroad strike. Mr. Allen replied that he was ready to do so, but that such action did not become necessary.

Urges Filing of Names

Governor Olcott then asked what means Governor Allen thought would prove most effective in curbing the society, and the Kansas executive said he favored filing the names of members with state officials and refusing to grant charters to the organization.

Governor McCray at this point said he had found that a charter had been issued to the Klan in Indiana a month before he learned of it, but that the Klansmen had been quiet in his state. Governor Allen commented that, in his opinion, the Klan was not here to stay, but he urged that it be kept in mind that it was "a clever and inviolable form of government."

The governors were asked by Governor Olcott to sign a petition urging the adoption by Congress of the McNary resolution to appropriate \$5,000, where they recently destroyed a large part of the city.

Kansas will not drive the Ku-Klux Klan from the state by force, but will compel it by refusing to permit it to do business within the state's boundaries, Governor Allen told the governors.

"Under the law of Kansas every organization doing business within the state must be chartered," said Mr. Allen. "The Ku-Klux Klan has a charter under the laws of Georgia, and the action now pending in the Supreme Court of the state is for the purpose of securing a writ forbidding the Klan to do business hereafter in Kansas."

Secrecy is Opposed

"The essence of our opposition to this organization is not in the fact that it fights the Catholic Church or expresses its antipathy to the Jew or to the negro, but in the fact that it does this under the protection of a mask and through the process of terrorism and violence."

Speaking of the appeal made by organizers of the Klan along lines of what they call 100 per cent Americanism, Governor Allen said:

"In many places the appeal to creed has brought into the organization some excellent men who believe that they are addressing themselves to a real problem when they draw lines of religious prejudice."

Sketching the progress of the Klan, he continued:

"It grows very rapidly when it strikes a community, and it requires about a year of experience to convince its best members that the organization has no

real place of usefulness in America. It arouses the most intense bitterness. "In some communities, where I am acquainted with its activities, friends of a lifetime have become estranged, families have been divided, men become suspicious of their neighbors, bigotry and intolerance have thrived, poisoned pens and serpent tongues have been spreading scandals. Women and children have been taught to believe that their neighbors of a different religious faith are plotting their destruction."

"The organization is as dangerous to the Protestant as it is to the Catholic, the Jew or the negro, because it exists only when the authority of government has been broken down and destroyed. It brings law-abiding citizens to every chaos and hatred and menace to every law-abiding citizen who may fall victim of the private quarrels and animosities of the men who hide their identity behind a mask."

Marriage and Divorce Up

The question of marriage and divorce laws again came before the conference this morning. Mrs. Genevieve Parkhurst, representing women's organizations, speaking in favor of a measure advocated by Mrs. Edward Franklin White, Deputy Attorney General of Indiana, to bring uniformity through an amendment to the Federal constitution.

These Governors have accepted President Harding's invitation to lunch with him to-morrow and discuss prohibition enforcement: Killy, Alabama; Campbell, Arizona; Denney, Delaware; Davis, Idaho; McCray, Indiana; Allen, Kansas; Cox, Massachusetts; Ritchie, Maryland; Press, Minnesota; Hyde, Missouri; McKelvie, Nebraska; Olcott, Oregon; Sprout, Pennsylvania; Hartness, Vermont, and Trinkle, Virginia.

25 Injured as Bronx Subway Trains Crash

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dent has not been placed. There has been no defect in cars, rails or equipment discovered. The signal system was in perfect working order. The investigation will continue until a minute examination has been made of all the equipment involved in the collision. Responsibility may not be placed for several days.

"Material damage was nominal. The vestibules of the colliding cars were smashed in. There was no damage to the subway structure."

The wreck blocked all traffic on the southbound line. After the passengers had left or had been removed in ambulances to hospitals, the power was switched on and a one-train shuttle service was inaugurated on the northbound track.

List of Injured

The injured are:
Donahue, Terence, patrolman, of West 135th Street station, fifty-seven years old, 2351 Newbold Avenue, the Bronx. Fordham Hospital.
Donahue, Terence Jr., eighteen years old, 2351 Newbold Avenue, the Bronx. Fordham Hospital.
Wohlpert, William, thirty-nine years old, of 2707 City Island Avenue, the Bronx. Fordham Hospital.
Cartacio, John, thirty-nine years old, 139 Conner Street, the Bronx. Fordham Hospital.
Morris, Bernard, thirty-four years old, 735 Logan Avenue, the Bronx. Fordham Hospital.
Morris, Bernard Jr., eight years old, 735 Logan Avenue, Bronx. Fordham Hospital.
Morris, Edward, five years old, 735 Logan Avenue, Bronx. Fordham Hospital.
Howe, Frank, nineteen years old, 1693 Second Avenue, Fordham Hospital.
Record, Clarence, thirty-one years old, 206 East Forty-first Street, Fordham Hospital.
Miller, Hayman, twenty-seven years old, 206 East Forty-first Street, Fordham Hospital.
Johnson, Edward, thirty-four years old, of 1445 Glover Street, the Bronx. Fordham Hospital.
Dorian, Jerome, seventeen years old, of 2217 Lyon Avenue, the Bronx. Fordham Hospital.
Seal, Henry, twenty-seven years old, 212 West 129th Street, Fordham Hospital.
Eden, Thomas, thirty-one years old, of 1417 Stratford Street, Bridgeport, Conn. Fordham Hospital.
Fletcher, Mary, sixteen years old, of 1417 Stratford Street, Bridgeport, Conn. Fordham Hospital.
Leshor, Joseph, twenty-four years old, of 1438 Glover Street, the Bronx. Fordham Hospital.
Tanisaki, Sarah, forty-three years old, 380 East 150th Street, the Bronx. Fordham Hospital.
Moore, Betty, twenty-nine years old, 1888 Appleton Avenue, Lincoln Hospital.
Santi, Mary, nineteen years old, 1868 Appleton Avenue, the Bronx; Lincoln Hospital.
Axanfeld, Rose, twenty-one years old, 136 East 117th Street; Lincoln Hospital.
Willenson, Dora, twenty-eight years old, 188 Schofield Street, City Island; Lincoln Hospital.
Cullen, Della, twenty-one years old,

188 Schofield Street, City Island; Lincoln Hospital.
Lang, Lawrence, eighteen years old, 1578 St. Peter's Avenue, the Bronx; Fordham Hospital.
Lawlor, James R., twenty-four years old, 145 Glover Street, the Bronx; went home.
Mead, Stanley, thirty years old, 1152 Beach Avenue, the Bronx; went home.
Keogh, Patrick, 889 Irving Street, the Bronx, motorman of the second train; Fordham Hospital.
All but Keogh, Lang, Miss Axan and Miss Willenson were later discharged from the hospitals and returned to their homes.

Greenwich Village Christmas
Tree to Light Sheridan Sq.

Greenwich Village will have its own Christmas tree this year. It will be set in Sheridan Square on Friday by the Greenwich Village Historical Society and "The Greenwich Village Home News." The tree with colored electric bulbs, Carol singing, led by Robert Nevins, barytone, will mark the raising of the tree to its position. The 9th Coast Defense Command Band will furnish music for the dancing, which will follow the program. The exercises will be held for the benefit of the disabled American veterans of Chapter 2.

Mistrial Declared By Court After He Rebukes Attorney

Justice Lazansky, Presiding
at Trial of Damage Suit,
Is Aroused by the Re-
marks of Silas B. Axtell

Justice Lazansky told Silas B. Axtell, an attorney who appeared before him in the Supreme Court, Mincola, L. yesterday, as counsel for Mrs. Helen Ellmes, of 508 East Seventy-eighth Street, that he was not fit to be practicing law and declared a mistrial in the case.

Mrs. Ellmes was seeking to recover \$50,000 damages from the Munson Lines, charging that a steward on the steamship Aeolus attacked her November 15, 1921, and her husband was using the line for \$10,000 for loss of his wife's services.

Counsel and court had clashed several times, and once Justice Lazansky had imposed a fine of \$100 on the attorney, rescinding his action later. When Axtell started to include in his address to the jury matters which Jus-

see Lazansky regarded as extraneous and, on being rebuked, had begun again: "I cannot even address a jury in a manner that is generally"—Justice Lazansky cut him short with this announcement: "I am compelled in the interests of justice to take this case from the jury."

He ordered a juror to leave his seat and declared the case a mistrial.

"Your client may have a right case," said Justice Lazansky, "but it surely has been hidden by your attitude. I am very regretful to be compelled to say that you are not fit to be practicing law. It is most unfortunate, and I am sorry to have to say that justice cannot be honest and see a case submitted to a jury behind such incompetency, such continued disrespect to the court and such unwillingness to obey the admonitions of the court."

"I am inexpressibly sorry," said Axtell.

"You are very fortunate," returned Justice Lazansky, "that at this moment you are not in the county jail, and I would advise you now that the time may come when you may be here again, and when you are, if your conduct is anything like what it was to-day, you will be severely punished. As it is I think that a record of this should be made and your conduct certified to the Appellate Division."

Two Held in Girl's Murder

Wallington, N. J., Youths Said
to Have Knowledge of Case

Two young men whose home is near the spot where the body of Christina Hervish was found with head crushed and the marks of fingers on her throat, were arrested yesterday in Wallington, N. J., and locked up in the Bergen County Jail, charged with having criminal knowledge of the murder.

The detectives who made the arrests refused to say upon what information they acted, but unofficially it was said the prisoners owed their arrest to the interest they had shown in the crime.

The young woman was attacked Thanksgiving night as she was walking to her home from that of a relative, a distance of about half a mile. She was seventeen years old.

Clubwomen at Annual Dinner

The Woman Pays Club, composed of more than 100 women of New York identified with the arts, held their annual dinner dance last evening at the Hotel Plaza. Among the guests were Reinald Werrenrath, "the club's big brother," who sang; Glenn Hunter, Daniel Frohman, Floyd Parsons, Mr. and Mrs. Rodolph Valentino, John Seymour Winslow, Robert Ormstead, Henry Hobart and Mr. and Mrs. William Douglas Sloan.

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